

EBRD – Bulgaria – Sofia District Heating Rehabilitation – Delivery, installation, testing and commissioning of heating substation units.

INTRODUCTION

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has updated its earlier procurement notice concerning opportunities under a project to rehabilitate heating systems for Sofia District. Contracts will comprise the delivery, installation, testing and commissioning mainly of individual heating substations units for space heating and domestic hot water including heat exchangers, circulation pumps, control valves, automation, etc.

PROJECT DEADLINE

20 Dec 2005 at 23:00, Sofia time.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project name	Sofia District Heating Rehabilitation
Country	Bulgaria
Business sector	Urban infrastructure
Project ID	3228
Funding source	EBRD
Type of contract	Services, Supply and Installation, Goods
Type of notice	General Procurement Notice
Issue date	20 Dec 2004
Closing date	20 Dec 2005 at 23:00, Sofia time

This is an update of the General Procurement Notice for this project published on the EBRD's website on 20 January 2004.

Toplofikacia Sofia AD, the joint stock district heating company serving the city of Sofia, has received a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to carry out rehabilitation of the centralized district heating system in the city.

The District Heating Rehabilitation Project comprises the modernization of some 8 000 district heating substations, rehabilitation of the network (replacement of about 70 km pipelines, compensators, thermal insulation of over-ground pipelines, conversion to variable flow of the Sofia district heating network). The estimated project cost is approximately EUR 114 million, which is anticipated to be funded by the EBRD (EUR 30 million), the World Bank (EUR 26 million), local contributions (EUR 26 million), grant from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund – KIDSF (EUR 30 million) and EU financing for consultancy (EUR 1.6 million).

Contracts will comprise the delivery, installation, testing and commissioning mainly of the following:

§ Individual heating substations units for space heating and domestic hot water including heat exchangers, circulation pumps, control valves, automation, etc.

Tendering for the above contracts is expected to begin in the second half of 2005. These components are anticipated to be financed principally by the EBRD and KIDSF grant.

Contracts to be financed with the proceeds of a loan from the EBRD will be subject to its Procurement Policies and Rules and will be open to firms from any country. The proceeds of the EBRD's loan will not be used for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations or under a law or official regulation of the purchaser's country.

Contracts to be financed with the KIDSF grant will be administrated by the EBRD under the procurement rules of the EBRD and KIDSF. The eligible countries in accordance with the Rules of the Fund as of 1 July 2004 are: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the EBRD's countries of operation.

A separate General Procurement Notice will be published by the World Bank in respect of the components to be financed under its loan.

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This notice refers to goods, works, services or consultancy services to be procured through open and competitive tendering for projects financed by the EBRD. Potential tenderers desiring additional information on the procurement in question or the project in general should, unless indicated otherwise, contact the project agency and not the EBRD.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION and ASSISTANCE

US Commercial Service EBRD Liaison Office (CS-EBRD): CS-EBRD is an integral part of U.S. representation at the EBRD with a mandate to increase the effectiveness of U.S. participation in the Bank's projects. For more information about project opportunities at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) please contact:

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